

People with IDD Wait To Be Served!

Caseload Forecast DDA Services!



Reform the Community Protection Program (CPP)

Problem:

CPP is the most restrictive community program administered by DDA. The DD Ombuds wrote a report focused on five areas of concern with CPP: People are referred to the program at a young age before they have access to other supports and services. They must comply with DDA's CPP recommendations or risk losing access to other services. The program has a low graduation rate.

DDA responded slowly to DD Ombuds' request for the information needed to produce this report. The documents produced at DD Ombuds' request showed lax adherence to policies that protect the rights of people with disabilities.

Proposal:

Direct DDA to implement reforms to the Community Protection Program. The reforms must address the issues identified in the DD Ombuds report "[No Way Out - An Introduction to the Community Protection Program](#)" and ensure that services do not isolate people further from the community.

- a. DDA provide resources to meet the needs of young people with developmental disabilities who are identified as having possible "community protection issues," diverting them from the restrictive CPP.
- b. DDA should propose agency sponsored legislation so individuals are not restricted from other DDA services or hours if they choose not to be in CPP.
- c. DDA should ensure each person has a clear path to graduation from CPP using a person-centered planning process.
- d. Ensure DDA and their contracted providers meet all federal, state and policy requirements to guarantee that people are not subjected to unwarranted restrictions of their civil and human rights.



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